

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's action dated January 22, 2004 having a shortened statutory period set to expire April 22, 2004 extended to May 22, 2004.

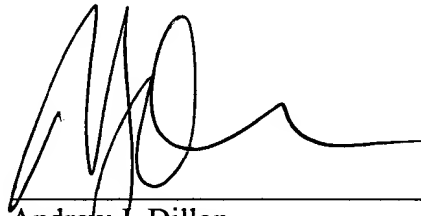
In that action, the Examiner has objected to the disclosure believing that the disclosure lacks section headings for the different parts of the specification. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection and notes that the present specification includes at page 1, the heading "Background of the Invention" and thereunder the headings "Technical Field" and "Description of the Related Art" are present. Page 5 includes the heading "Summary of the Invention" and page 6 includes the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings." Page 7 includes the heading "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment" and page 11 includes the heading "Claims" and then finally, page 16 includes the heading "Abstract of the Disclosure." Applicant has carefully examined the references cited by the Examiner and notes that the headings set forth within the present application are identical to those set forth within the references cited by the Examiner and urges the Examiner to consider that these section headings constitute substantial compliance with the requirement for content of the specification, as set forth within 37 C.F.R. Withdrawal of the Examiner's objection to the specification is therefore respectfully requested.

Next, the Examiner has indicated the allowability of claims 6 and 12-13 but has objected to those claims as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants has amended claims 1 and 7 respectively to include those features set forth within claims 6 and 12, but for the characterization of the audio codec as an "AC97" audio codec. As the Examiner has cited a reference teaching the utilization of such a codec, the precise type of codec set forth within the claims cannot be the basis for the novelty identified by the Examiner in her characterization of these claims as allowable and, consequently, Applicant has declined to expressly recite that feature within the newly amended claims.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant urges that claims 1-5, 7-11, 13 and 14 now define patentable subject matter and withdrawal of all objections and passage of this application to issue is therefore respectfully requested.

A request for a one-month of extension of time and a check for the appropriate fee are enclosed herewith. No additional extension of time is believed to be required; however, in the event an additional extension of time is required, please consider that extension requested and please charge the fee for that extension, as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM Deposit Account No. 50-0563**.

Respectfully submitted,

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